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tensile strength polymeric material for maintaining the structural integrity so that a protective housing is defined for the cable by the tube.

9. (Twice Amended) A prelubricated innerduct for installing at least one of a cable, a rod, or a tube in a length of conduit, said prelubricated innerduct slidably receiving and providing a protective housing for said cable, rod, or tube, said prelubricated innerduct consisting essentially of:

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a coextruded plastic tube having inner and outer cylindrical portions, said inner portion being formed from a highly lubricous polymeric material to provide a permanently lubricated inner surface for the innerduct which has a low coefficient of friction to enable substantially low friction placement of the cable, rod, or tube therewithin and said outer portion being formed from a high tensile strength polymeric material [whereby said coextruded tube has a permanently lubricated inner surface] for maintaining the structural integrity of the innerduct during placement in the conduit and for providing a protective housing for the cable, rod, or tube.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing Amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.